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## Topic Collection: Information Sharing

The timely and effective sharing of information within and across jurisdictions remains a challenge in the public health emergency and disaster preparedness fields. Much progress has been made since 9/11, and best practices indicate that those communities with solid public health and homeland security collaborations respond better to critical incidents. These resources highlight guidance and lessons learned on information sharing that can help emergency health planners improve information sharing.

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Booth, C. and Stewart, T. (2003). [Communication in the Toronto Critical Care Community: Important Lessons Learned During SARS](#). Critical Care. 7(6): 405–406.

The authors describe information sharing during the critical care response to SARS. Some of the initiatives that helped the healthcare community exchange information include regular teleconference calls, web-based training and education, and the rapid coordination of research studies.

Harvard Humanitarian Initiative. (2011). [Disaster Relief 2.0: The Future of Information Sharing in Humanitarian Emergencies](#). Washington, D.C. and Berkshire, UK: UN Foundation & Vodafone Foundation Technology Partnership.

This report highlights the role of information sharing within the humanitarian, emerging volunteer, and technical communities in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Recommendations for improving coordination are also provided.

Henry, D. (2012). [Improving Preparedness Through Sharing Public Health and Homeland Security Information](#). National Governor's Association.

The author describes: the role of the governor's office in supporting information sharing, how states can build a "culture of preparedness," how fusion centers can support information exchange, and how cross-agency partnerships can bolster intelligence.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. (2013). [The Hospital Preparedness Program \(HPP\) Healthcare Preparedness Capability Review National Call](#).

This call featured hospital preparedness program awardees from several states discussing how their programs incorporate Capability 6.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (2014). [National Emergency Communications Plan: 2014](#).

This strategic national emergency communications plan encourages communication and information sharing across all levels of government, jurisdictions, specialties, and agencies and organizations for all types of threats and hazards ("as needed and when authorized").